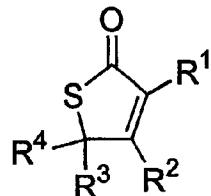


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula I:



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wherein:

R¹ = H

R² = -OH, -OR⁵, -OCH₂C(O)R⁵, -OCH₂C(O)NHR⁵, -OC(O)R⁵, -OC(O)OR⁵, -OC(O)NNH-R⁵, or -OC(O)NR⁵R⁶, where R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and where R⁵ and R⁶ can each optionally contain halogen atoms;

R³ = H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

R⁴ = C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

with the proviso that when R² is -OH, -OCH₃, or -OC(O)CF₃ and R³ is -CH₃, then R⁴ is not -CH₂(C₆H₅), or -CH=CH-CH₃, and

the further proviso that when R³ is -CH₂-(C₆H₅), then R⁴ is not -CH₃ or -CH₂CH₃.

2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁵ is H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl or alkylaryl.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R⁵ is H, or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl.

4. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R³ is H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and R⁴ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl,

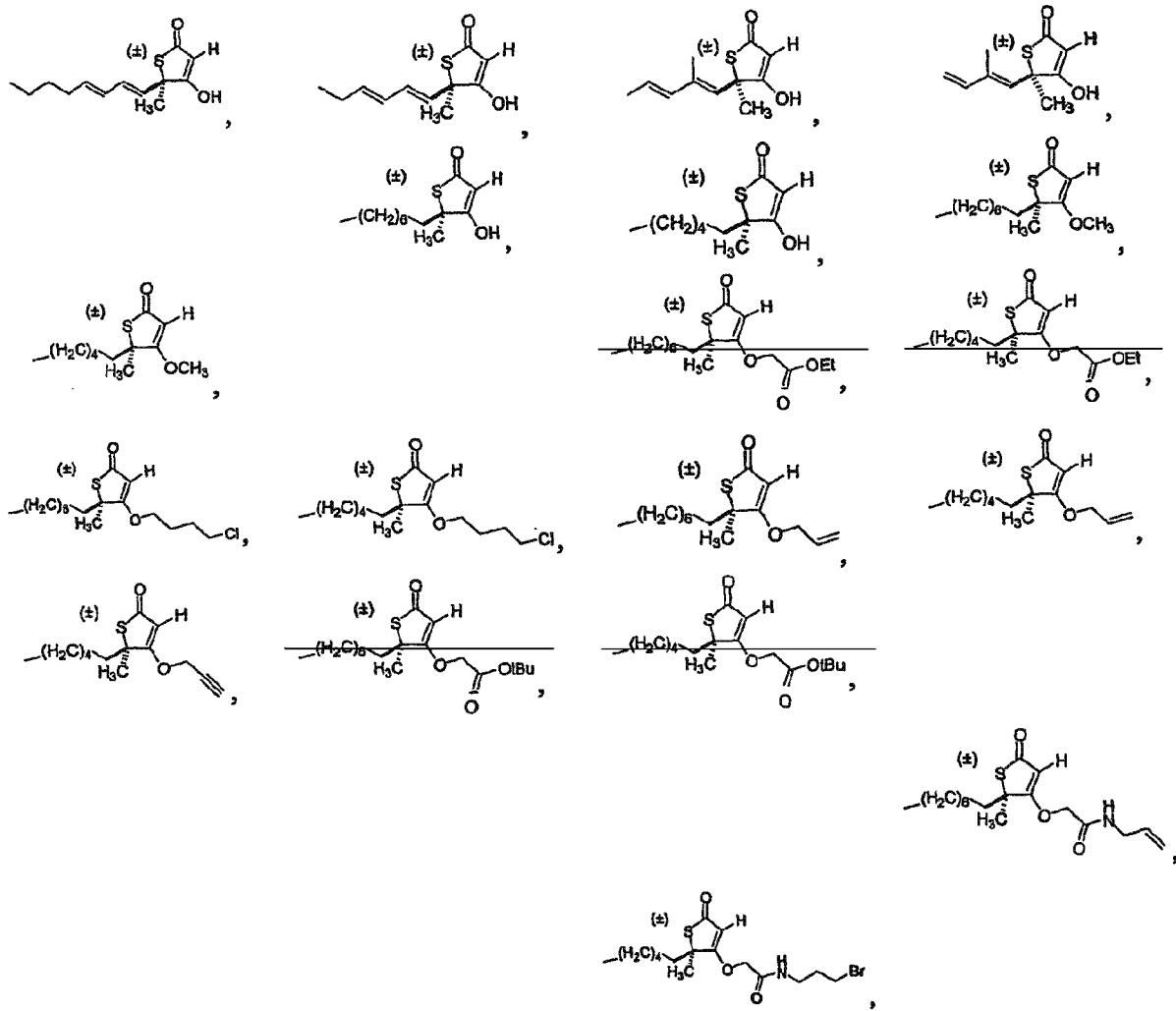
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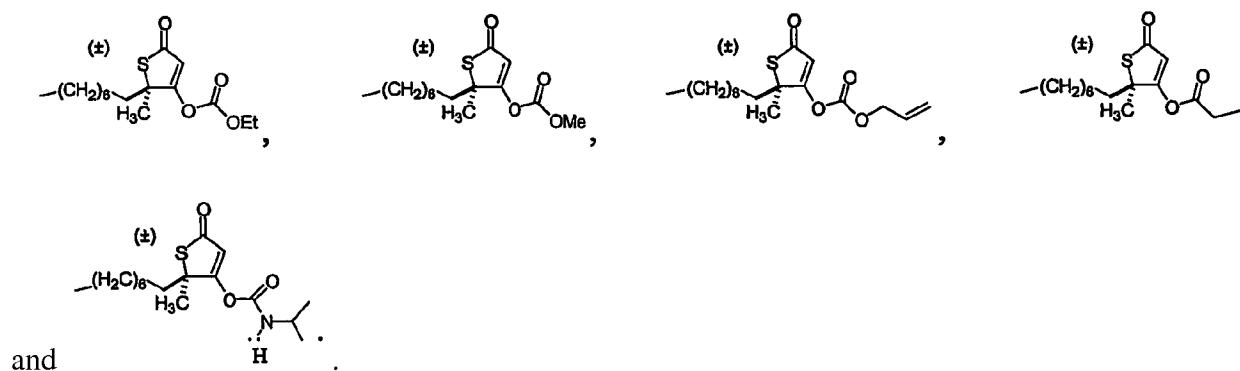
5. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 4, wherein R³ is H, or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, and R⁴ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl.

6. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein, R³ is -H or -CH₃.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁴ is -nC₆-C₈ alkyl.

8. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:





9-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and a compound according to claim 1.

19-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, where:

R^1 is H;

R^2 is $-OCH_2C(O)NHR^5$, where R^5 is C_1-C_{10} aryl containing a halogen atom;

R^3 is $-CH_3$; and

R^4 is $-n-C_6-C_8$ alkyl.

57. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and the compound of claim 56.

58-66. (Cancelled)